

Doctor of Laws, honoris causa

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Treasurer,

It is my pleasant duty to present to you and to this Convocation, Maureen Kempston Darkes and ask that you confer upon her the degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa.

After her call to the Bar in 1975 she joined the legal staff of General Motors of Canada. During the next 18 years she held a number of positions within this multi-national corporation in both the United States and Canada which were a recognition of her abilities as a lawyer and as an executive. Her proven leadership resulted in her appointment in 1994 as President and General Manager of General Motors of Canada Limited and Vice-President of the General Motors Corporation.

In addition to these workplace responsibilities Mrs. Darkes has been involved in a number of advisory roles to both governmental and charitable entities, the latter including the Boards of the University of Alberta and the Women's College Hospital Appeal. She was made a member of The Order of Ontario in 1997 in recognition of her many accomplishments.

It is therefore fitting that the Law Society recognize her by conferring upon her the degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa, which I ask, Treasurer, that you now bestow upon her.